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1. MISSION OFFICER MET WITH WORKING LEVEL OFFICIALS IN EC COMMISSION ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE AND DG I (EXTERNAL AFFAIRS) TO DISCUSS US COMMENTS (REFTEL) AND PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE OF DATE FOR THE US/EC ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTATIONS (INCLUDING TOXIC SUBSTANCES) SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 27-29. OFFICIALS SAID THEY WOULD CONVEY THIS INFORMATION TO CARPENTIER AND PROMISED TO HAVE A RESPONSE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ALLOWING FOR THE DIFFICULTY OF COORDINATION DURING THE AUGUST VACATION PERIOD. THEIR PERSONAL REACTION TO THE COMMENTS WAS POSITIVE, ESPECIALLY REGARDING THE SUGGESTION THAT PESTICIDES AND WASTE MANAGEMENT BE TREATED BY WORKING GROUPS.

2. COMMISSION OFFICIALS EXPRESSED UNOFFICIAL, PRE-
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LIMINARY VIEW THAT A TECHNICAL LEVEL CONTACT ON TOSCA WOULD BE MOST USEFUL TO THEM BEFORE THE MORE FORMAL TOSCA MEETING IF THIS LATTER WERE TO BE POSTPONED AS SUGGESTED IN REFTEL. THIS CONTACT COULD BE MOST INFORMAL INVOLVING ONE OR TWO OFFICIALS FROM EACH SIDE. BASIS FOR DISCUSSION WOULD BE THE COMMISSION'S REACTION TO THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT GUIDELINES FOR PREMANUFACTURING NOTIFICATION

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PUBLISHED BY EPA JULY 14. COMMISSION OFFICIALS WOULD BE WILLING TO GO TO WASHINGTON FOR SUCH A MEETING.

3. COMMISSION OFFICIALS ALSO NOTED THAT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE 113 COMMITTEE, THE PRIMARY TRADE POLICY BODY OF THE EC, WOULD BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 13 TO CONSIDER THE IMPLICATIONS OF TOSCA ON COMMUNITY TRADE. HINTON

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